



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 17, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS:

Georgia Hanigan, Commissioner, Payette County
Nate Marvin, Commissioner, Washington County - Excused
Tom Dale, Commissioner, Canyon County
Kelly Aberasturi, Commissioner, Owyhee County
Viki Purdy, Commissioner, Adams County
Sam Summers, MD, Physician Representative
Bryan Elliott, Commissioner, Gem County

STAFF MEMBERS:

Nikole Zogg, Doug Doney, Troy Cunningham, Katrina Williams, Carol Julius, Jaime Aanensen, Clay Roscoe, Cristina Froude, Jami Delmore

GUESTS:

Representative Tammy Nichols

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER -- CHAIR

Chairman Elliott called the business meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Nikki Zogg requested the addition of two informational agenda items.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting attendees participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present for the comment period.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

No new employee introductions were made.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the meeting held December 17, 2019.

MOTION: Dr. Summers made a motion to approve the November 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Hanigan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT:

Troy Cunningham presented the November revenue and expenditure report. Our target for November was 41.7% and we are above that in revenues and below that in expenditures. Troy presented several graphs to provide visual representations of the revenue, contracts, and district funds trends. He explained that payroll expenses are higher in November due to three pay periods for the month.

WINSLOW/WEISER GROUNDWATER ISSUE UPDATE

Jami Delmore updated board members on the ongoing groundwater issue in Winslow and Weiser. The nitrate levels in the area continue to be high. Previous tests showed the magnesium, sodium, arsenic, and uranium levels are also very high.

Some homeowners have been willing to share water test results and some have allowed retesting of water systems. Some homeowners have contacted Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) for information. There is no law requiring that a private well be tested.

Efforts to provide homeowner education are ongoing. Jami is working with agencies to request further testing.

CALDWELL RESIDING PROJECT UPDATE

The permitting process through Caldwell has been completed. Contractors are scheduled to begin removal of the stucco. Staff have been notified that the removal will be completed in sections beginning with building 900, our mechanical room and warehouse.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING SCHEDULE APPROVAL

Board members reviewed the proposed 2020 Board of Health meeting schedule. Following approval Katrina will distribute the schedule to County Clerks and send out updated calendar invitations.

MOTION: Commissioner Dale made a motion to approve the 2020 Board of Health meeting schedule. Dr. Summers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

WESTERN IDAHO COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER UPDATE

Cristina Froude distributed quarterly report updates. In November, the crisis center provided 51 services. Rural communities have access to services through telehealth. Website information and a QR code is included on a new updated flyer. Brochures are being updated in English and Spanish to include more inclusive language so people know the services are available.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The updated strategic plan process continues with a committee of SWDH staff representing all of the organization's divisions. The priority areas identified by leadership team members were presented to SWDH staff during the December all staff meeting and Cristina received positive feedback from committee members.

Next steps for the strategic plan are to work with all of the staff to be sure they are on board with the objectives and key results being set and that they are included in the process so there is an understanding of the organization's direction and vision.

SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM

Jaime Aanensen updated board members on efforts to develop a budget for a proposed syringe services program (SSP). Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) is working on a determination of need to send to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to help with the process of receiving authorization to use federal funds. This process usually takes several months. Dr. Roscoe explained that IDHW has asked SWDH staff to begin to develop a budget. District 6 has a proposed budget to send to IDHW and sent a courtesy copy to Nikki.

Board members directed Jaime to continue to research SSPs and bring back an update.

2020 LEGISLATIVE POLICY PURSUITS

Commissioner Purdy reached out to Nikki and asked for someone from the legislature to speak on the topic of sexual health education within the schools. Nikki connected with Representative Tammy Nichols who attended the meeting to provide information on upcoming policy pursuits.

Representative Nichols explained past legislative efforts regarding sexual health education. She referred to a conversation in July 2018 with IDHW, the Attorney General's office, elected officials and other interested or knowledgeable citizens.

The main concern still being discussed is ensuring the law put into place by the legislative body is being followed. Title 33-6001 states that school districts and the board of directors of charter schools in consultation with administrators and parents shall develop a policy regarding sexual health education. An issue being heard is that this law is not being followed and districts are not following the process to implement sexual health education and are bypassing the local level. The other concern is with some of the programs coming in to schools. Concerns have been voiced regarding the Reducing the Risk program. The concern is that this is an abstinence based program that is missing its mark.

Parents are the number one person involved in their lives. They cannot make the best decisions without upfront, transparent information provided to them.

CLINIC UPDATE

The electronic health record (EHR) provider change to Athena has a tentative go live date of April 6, 2020. Staff are working with a local company, Mocodile, to receive training on the software and be prepared for the transfer. Carol reported that a dental software add-on called Dentrix is being researched. One thing still unknown is the cost to migrate the data from the current EHR provider to Athena.

Carol Julius provided an update on the clinics staffing. There are several open positions and interviews are being held. Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) registered nurses are helping in the clinic as needed. A team of clinic staff is working to expand the scope of clinic services to allow expansion of services into schools.

WESTERN IDAHO COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER SUSTAINABILITY

Funding cuts to the crisis center are anticipated effective July 1st and Nikki expects some payer reimbursement and Medicaid expansion to help fill that shortfall. Troy and Nikki have discussed simultaneously working on the crisis center budget and SWDH fiscal year 2021 budget.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Jaime Aanensen discussed chronic wasting disease (CWD). There are no facilities in our district that meet the requirements to accept carcasses of animals affected with CWD. Jaime is working with Mitch Kiester who handles the inspections of the solid waste facilities and expects SWDH staff to be talking with Pickles Butte, Clay Peak, and possibly Adams County to develop a plan to accept remains of animals.

The goal of addressing this topic is to keep the disease out of Idaho and to implement proper disposal of remains to minimize spread of the disease and make it as easy as possible for hunters to dispose of affected carcasses.

A frequently asked questions (FAQ) document is being developed and will be distributed when available.

DRAFT VAPING LEGISLATION

This draft legislation came out of District 5 and contains an educational component that would require IDHW and the public health districts to provide an education training program. Millennium Funds currently support tobacco education efforts, which are rumored to possibly be redirected to help cover costs associated with Medicaid expansion. The draft legislation also includes a proposed new tax to liquid nicotine cartridges.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year 2021 Change in Employee Compensation (CEC) & Benefits Report

This item will be carried over to next month's Board of Health agenda.

2020 IAB Conference – Save the Dates

The 2020 Idaho Association of District Board of Health (IADBH) Conference will be held June 10-11, 2020, in Pocatello, ID. Katrina will coordinate registration, hotel reservations, and mileage reimbursements for Board of Health members interested in attending the conference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:02 p.m. Commissioner Dale made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanigan. Roll call was taken. No decision was made.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as written:



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board



Bryan Elliott
Chairman

Dated: January 16, 2020